A "SPIRIT PHOTOGRAPHER"

Mrs. Martha Foster Arrested for Obtaining Money Under False Pretenses.

She Had "Worked" W. T. Hancock, the Rotary-Plow Man, for \$500-He Offers Half His Fortune If She Prove Genuine.

Last night, at 7:30, as Mrs. Martha Foster and her nineteen-year-old son were about to get on a train for their home at Chesterfield, Ind., they were arrested on a warrant charging them with obtaining money under false pretenses. It was served by Constable Sorters, of 'Squire Daniels's court, and was sworn out by J. N. Hurty, a chemist. Mrs. Foster was seen at the county jail late last night, and when asked of the cause of her arrest said: "My home is at Chesterfield, Ind., and I came to Indianapolis, last Monday, at the request of Mr. William T. Hancock, at whose home I have been staying since my arrival. My occupation is that of a spirit potographer, and Mr. Hancock-desired to have me make some pictures of a child of his that died some time ago. While at his house a number of gentlemen came to see me, among them being J. N. Hurty, the Rev. W. F. Taylor, a man named Underwood and several others. I did work for them all. I do not know who had me arrested, but I think it was a young man at the Denison Hotel. I don't know what I was arrested for, as I am sure neither myself nor my son have done anything wrong."

The woman said that she was forty-four years old, and she looked it. Lying in the squalid quarters of the old jail on a mattress on the floor, her pinched face, fierce black eyes, and prematurely gray hair gave her the appearance of a witch of the days of our forefathers. She said that her husband was engaged in the same business as herself, and that the reason she was so anxious to get home was that she had just received a telegram from home saying that one of her children was

From the jail the house of Mr. Hancock was visited, at 24 West New York street, and from him the story of the woman's career was learned. The reporter was ushered into the front room of Mr. Hancock's house, and there on every side were evidences that a spiritualist lived there. In one corner of the room, half parted and strung on a wire, were curtains of some black stuff, half concealing a little table, on which were bottles that might contain condiments used by a photographer. On the piano, on the sofa, on the chairs and even on the floor lay scores of pictures. Some depicted the full countenances of men, women and children and others but part of them, the rest being lost in a film of shadow. Mr. Hancock talked freely. and said with little questioning: "I first got acquainted with Mrs. Foster at a camp-meeting held at Chesterfield last summer. My wife and I were so unfortunate as to have lost a child, a little girl, without having a picture of her, and I would give all I possess could I obtain one. I had many pictures taken by her while at that camp, but none of them were satisfactory, and, having faith, I asked her to come here. I paid her \$50 for her three day's work here, and altogether she has gotten from me in the neighborhood of \$500. She finally got a picture that satisfied me. Since I have heard these stories of fraud, I can see how she could have obtained it. While here she took several pictures of my little boy, who with his bair arranged might be made too look very much as the little girl did. She could very easily have fixed that. The pictures were always taken in the dark, but I remember now that she always appeared nervous when strangers came in. I have since learned that these strangers, Dr. Hurty and Rev. Taylor among them, succeeded in securing some of her negatives taken in the dark, and have found that they had been changed before she used them. Her secret lies in her trunk, and that has been attached by the

"I would give all I possess," and here Mr. Hancock grew serious; "I would walk out into this snowy night naked were I sure that this woman is not a fraud, and that spirit photography is an assured fact. If on the morrow she is proven innocent and nothing is found in her trunk, I will give her willingly, half I possess. I do not doubt but that there are a great many spiritualists in this town who will give her \$1,000 each should she be guiltless. I wish that you would go down to the jail again to-night and tell her that this is a crisis in her life; that if she is guiltless the world will make her a millionaire, and that she ought to declare herself. I would go herself out if she chose. I want her to know that I am her friend and that I will do anything in the world that I can for her."

The woman succeeded in getting some money from several other people in the city, and is doubtless well supplied with funds. Her investigation will come up be-

MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS.

Board of Works Handies a Batch of Routine

The Board of Public Works held a short session yesterday morning, and transacted business of minor importance It signed a number of sewer contracts, and will hold back 10 per cent of the cost to insure a satisfactory completion of the work.

In reply to a question received from Postmaster Thompson, the board communicated to him that the responsibility of collecting the tax for street cleaning along government property is assumed by the contractors, and if there be any loss on account of it, it is assumed by them.

The Manufacturers' Gas Company asked permission to extend its mains across the first alley west of Mississippi street, near St. Clair, to the Foster-Bennett Lumber Company's buildings, on Eddy street, south to the first alley south of South street, to the Parry Manufacturing Company, east in Georgia street from Missouri to Olaf Olsen's, west from Getsendorff street to Market, north to Blake street, and thence west to the cotton-mills and north to Maus's brewery. The communication was sent back for more specific instructions.

A letter was received from E. Louis Kubn. of the Board of Public Works, Chicago, asking if the local board had any trouble with corporations tearing up streets and leaving them in bad repair, and to what extent the city suffered from the spoils system in municipal affairs. If the board had any remedy to suggest for these evils it was asked to give them.

The board sent to the Council the ordinauce providing that the Big Four may



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lay and maintain a switch at North street, and also communicated to Councilman Gauss to discontinue his efforts to procure a switch for S. R. Greer & Co., as that firm

no longer desired it. The petition of the Big Four for the improvement of South Delaware street, from Pegne's run to South street, with brick was submitted, but no action was taken. The sewer commissioner's pay-roll, \$170, the sewer gang's, \$60, and the bridge gang's, \$92.75, for the week, were allowed. A telephone for the board's office was ordered, and City Attorney Jones stated that he had ordered a new file case.

Health Report. The December report of the Board of Health shows that there were 150 deaths for the month, of which seventy-three were males, seventy-seven females, 128 whites and twenty-two colored. Eleven died of heart disease, eleven of pneumonia and eight of consumption.

Board of Safety. The Board of Public Safety held a short meeting yesterday morning, and passed resolutions on the death of fireman Harvey. The resignation of patrolman William Caldwell, against whom an investigation is pending, was accepted, and A. J. Lounis was appointed to succeed Green

DECLINED TO ASSIST.

Hagerman, resigned.

Three Men in Trouble for Refusing to Help a Constable Make an Arrest.

Valentine Fahrbach, Monroe Schilling and William E. Maurer were arrested yesterday upon warrants issued from Justice Habich's court, charging them with refusing to assist an officer in making an arrest. On Wednesday evening, last week, constable Jacob Hutton attempted to arrest John Gassaway, in the Office saloen, on North Pennsylvania street, for assault and battery upon one Samuel E. Rogers. Gassaway resisted, and the constable called upon the three men arrested yesterday to assist him. Each of them declined to do so. They were arranged before Justice Habich yesterday, and in each case an affidavit for a change of venue was filed, and the cases sent to Justice Daniels's court, where they will come up for trial Tuesday morning. Gassaway was fined in the Police Court yesterday morning for the assault and battery, and the case of malicious trespass was

AMUSEMENTS.

The "Tar and Tartar" will be repeated at English's at the matinee to-day and tonight for the last time.

There will be two concluding performances of "Kidnaped" at the Park to-day. Next week this house will have one of its most popular attractions, the German dialect comedian, Charles A. Loder, in "Oh What a Night." The twin sisters Leigh, the English dancers, are with the company.

Donnelly & Girard and their comedy company, which this season includes Miss Amy Ames, an old favorite, will present the reconstructed "Natural Gas," one of the most popular of farce-comedies, at English's the first three nights of next week. The advance sale of seats for Miss Julia

Marlowe's engagement, which began yesterday, was very large, the domand being continuous throughout the day. The Indian-apolis Dramatic Club took one hundred seats for Monday night's performance. Miss Marlowe is to play at the Grand the first part of next week, in "As You Like It" Monday night, "Much Ado About Nothing" Tuesday night, "Ingomar" at the Wednes-day matinee, and "Twelth Night" Wednesday evening.

PERSONAL AND SOCIETY.

The Avon Club gave their regular dance, last evening, at Propyleum Hail. Miss Ruby Rees has returned from a short visit to Miss Maud Kilgore, of Anderson. Mrs. William M. Corner, of Cleveland, O., is the guest of Mrs. J. H. Aldrich, on

Mrs. Will Hutton, of Richmond, is visiting ber niece, Mrs. McWhinney, at No. 128 East Walnut street. Miss Laura Halliday, of Cairo, Ill., is ex-

pected next week to visit Mrs. Benj. Kelsey, on East Pratt street. Miss C. Baily, of Albany, N. Y., 18 the guest of her aunt, Mrs. James B. Black, on North Pennsylvania street.

Dr. J. A. Daniel has removed to Davenport, la., to begin his practice, and Mrs. Daniel will join him there in a few days. Mrs. James Duthie, of Chicago, is visitto her in a minute if I did not know that ing her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Isaac H. she had plenty of money and could bail Kiersted, on East Vermont street, for a

Mrs. Charles C. Divine will entertain a few friends, Monday evening, with a mu-sicale, in honor of Miss Winklebleck, of

Mr. and Mrs. George G. Tanner and son will leave in a few days for Italy, to spend several months. Mrs. Maria Tanner will go to Florida for the same length of time. Mrs. Frederick Gardner gave an informal reception yesterday afternoon, at her home on Broadway, for Mrs. Albert Ovens, of Columbus, O., and Mrs. Harry Martin, of

Attica, both former residents of this city. Miss Winklebleck, of Chicago, will sing to-morrow morning, at the Tabernacle Church. "Fear notye, O Israel," by Dudley Buck, and in the evening, at the Second Presbyterian Church, "With Verdure Clad," from "The Creation."

Mrs. Shepard entertained quite a party of ladies very pleasantly at cards, yesterday afternoon, at her home in Woodruff Place. The gathering was in honor of Mrs. W. H. Dillman, of Columbus, O., who is visiting Mrs. M. S. Huey, also of Woodruft Place.

ANDRUS-HOWARD. Special to the Indianapolis Journal.

VALPARAISO, Ind., Jan. 6 .- M. L. Andrus and Mrs. E. Howard, both prominent in church circles, were united in marriage last evening at the bride's residerce. Rev. Dr. Heagle, of the First Baptist Church, ofticiated.

Babe Smothered in Bed.

Thursday night, when Charles Lance and his wife, residing in the rear of 246 South New Jersey street, retired for the night. they took into the bed with them their three-months-old child, which was to all appearances in perfect health. Yesterday morning, when they arose, the child was dead. Coroner Beck was notified of the death and made an investigation, upon been smothered.

Attempt to Swindle Actor Cutting. CHICAGO, Jan. 6 .- While Robert Cutting. the actor, was conversing with detectives Plunkett and Rafferty at the Schiller last night, a messenger handed a note to Mr. Cutting, signed "E. H. Sothern," asking for the loan of \$20. The \$20 was inclosed in an envelope, but the messenger-boy had company in the persons of two detectives. At Kandolph and Clark streets the boy handed the reply to a man in waiting. Officer Plankett flashed his star and said, "Come with me!" The answer was a blow on the neck, which sent him sprawling to the ground. Detective Rafferty came to his partner's aid and the prisoner was taken to central station. He at first said he was an actor, but he gave his name as Edward Morris, and says he came from Melford, Mass. He claims that his wife and himself were starving. The prisoner shows signs of dissipation.

Defaulter Pope Arrested.

Louisville, Ky., Jan. 6 .- A telegram received by President James A. Leech, of the City National Bank, announces that William Pope, the defaulting teller of the bank, has been captured in Starke, Fla., a town about seventy-five miles from Jacksonville. Pope absconded nearly three years ago, taking with him about \$70,000 of the bank's money. Since then nothing has ever been heard of him. A telegram received later from Joseph Steltenkamp, a Louisville man, identifies the prisoner at Starke as the much-wanted ex-teller. The bank officials place more confidence in this arrest than in any so far made and announced to be Pope.

MUMBERS of the Legislature desiring THE JOURNAL lett at their hotels or boardinghouses are requested to leave their orders at the counting-room, send a postal-card or

SIGNATURE IS A FORGERY

Opinion of a Chicago Expert Called to Testify in the McDonald Will Case.

After a Careful Examination Microscopist Tolman Declares that a Younger Man than the Senator Signed the Will.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal.

CHICAGO, Jan. 6 .- Henry L. Tolman, of this city, amicroscopist and expert in handwriting, has been summoned as an expert witness in the celebrated case involving the genuineness of the will of Senator Joseph E. McDonald, of Indianapolis. The case comes up for trial Jan. 23, at Noblesville, where it was taken on change of venue from Indianapolis. When Mr. Tolman's services were called in he was sent photographs of the signatures on the will, the genuineness of which is attacked, and also photographs of five of Senator McDonald's known signatures on letters and checks, about which no question is raised. He received, in addition, a large quantity of miscellaneous writings by the late Sen-ator and the two subscribing witnesses to the will, and he has compared these.

"There are two copies of the will which is attacked," says Mr. Tolman.
"One is a carbon copy. Both are apparently executed by the devisor, and each is attested by the subscribing witness. The photographer in reproducing the signatures has cut off sufficient of that part of the type-written will, to which they are attached, to enable them to be identified. He has pasted the pieces on a sheet of cardboard and the samera has done the rest."

"The signatures to this will are forgeries," said Mr. Tolman to-day. "That is the conclusion I have reached after careful study and comparison. The lawyers on both sides know this, and I shall so testify. The processes by which I have arrived at this belief and my reasons for it I will explain in court. The imitation is a clever one. The forger has caught Senator McDonald's characteristic way of holding a pen. He used a stub, and wrote with the side of it. the writer of these eignatures has done the same. In his execution of the job one thing was omitted that he could not supply-that is age. The man who wrote these signatures was a much younger man than the Senator. Of this I am certain."

COAL FLEETS CARRIED AWAY.

Nearly \$100,000 Damage Caused at Cincinnati by the Breaking of an ice Gorge.

CINCINNATI, Jan. 6.-Thirteen years ago an ice gorge broke at this port in the Ohio river with great destruction to property. This evening a gorge broke with nobody knows precisely what loss to boats and coal fleets. Heavy ice has been floating and forming for the past three days. No gorge was formed until at 9 o'clock this morning. There are five bridges across the Ohio here. The first one farthest up stream is the Louisville & Nashville railroad bridge. Near it is the Cincinnati & Newport bridge, close to the mouth of the Licking river. Next comes the suspension bridge. After it is the great Chesapeake & Ohio railroad bridge. Fifth and last, and lowest down the river, is the Cincinnati Southern railway bridge, close to the mouth of Mill creek. All of these bridges have piers in the river. Those of the suspension are 1,000 feet apart. The channel piers of the other four bridges range from 450 to nearly six hundred feet apart. The stage of the water here is fifteen feet. The ice gorged at 9 o'clock this morning between the Louisville & Nashville bridge and the Cincinnati Southern railway bridge. In this imfleets, the nine packets and several towboats. The harbor boats Comet, Benwood and Alice Barr tried all day to break the gorge but without result.

At 4:30 this immense body of :ce began to move in a solid mass. The packets and towboats, to all appearances, escaped with little injury. On the other hand, every coal fleet suffered. The total loss will be nearly \$100,000. At 9 o'clock to-night the gorge stopped at North Bend, thirteen miles below here. Another gorge at the same time formed just above Lawrenceburg, Ind., twenty-three miles down the river. Between these two gorges the water is clear. In the front of the upper gorge are locked the coal-boats and barges such as have not gone down. Be-hind them is three miles of ica. There seems scarcely a possibility of saving any of the property in this prison of ice. The river above is open, but is floating heavy

MUSICIAN CAPPA DEAD.

The Famous Leader of the lieventh Regiment Band Dies Suddenly at New York. NEW YORK, Jan. 6,-The well-known mu-

sician, Carlo Alberto Cappa, bandmaster of the Seventh Regiment, died at half-past 2 o'clock this morning, at his residence here. His death was due to a tumor in the right lung. Mr. Cappa had been ill for only a few weeks, and it was said that he was suffering only from a slight cold. His death this morning, therefore, came as a surprise to all who knew him. It was the result, his friends and relatives believe, of a cold contracted when he led his band in the big Columbian celebration parade, Last night Mr. Cappa seemed as well as could be expected in the circumstances, and did not retire. At 1:30 this morning he was talking pleasantly with his wife. An hour and a half later he called her to his side. He was sitting in a comfortable arm chair. "Give me mere air; I cannot breathe," gasped he, and his wife hastened to lift the window. When she had thrown the window up, letting in the cold air, she came quickly back to her husband to ask him how he felt. To her horror he was dead. During the brief space of time that she had occupied in reaching the window he had fallen back in the chair a dead man. Heart failure is said to be the direct cause of death.

Mr. Cappa was born at Alessandria, Sardinia, in 1834. His father was an officer in the famous Eleventh Regiment, and foilowed the eagles of Napoleon to Russia, and was killed in the famous retreat from Moscow. Young Cappa received his early education at the Royal Academy of France, by virtue of being the son of an officer. Leaving school life at the age of sixteen, he joined the Sixth Lancers (French), where he served six years in the band. In 1858. at the age of twenty-eight, he came to the which he concluded that the child had United States and enlisted in the becoming leader of the band on board the frigate Congress. His service in the Seventh Regiment has been a continnous one of over thirty-two years, and since 1881 he has been its leader. At Pittsburg he was at one time publicly complimented by the manager, decorated by the festival chorus and elected conductor for the following year. At Minneapolis be was decorated and elected as honorary director of the exposition. He had been knighted by both the King of Italy and the Veneznelan government. Mr. Cappa leaves a family consisting of a widow, four daughters and one son.

Pagilist Jack Ashton.

NEW YORK, Jan. 6 .- Jack Ashton, the heavy-weight pugilist, who for years has traveled in combinations as John L. Sullivan's sparring partner, died at 9:15 o'clock to-night, in the erysipelas ward at Bellevne Hospital. Ashton was born in Providence, R. I. He was thirty years of age.

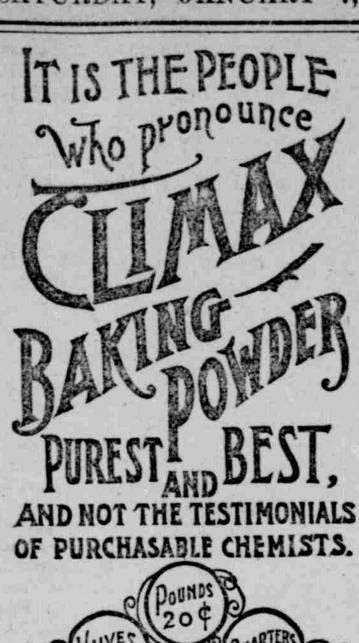
Other Deaths.

Boston, Jan. 6. - Major James P. Frost. financial editor of the Boston Globe and one of the most widely-known journalists of New England, died suddenly at about 8:20 o'clock this morning of heart failure. He was noted as an expert rifle shot. Mrs. Langtry is rapidly recovering from

yacht White Ladye, which she recently purchased. PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 6.-William S. hadd, the pioneer banker of this city and one of the wealthiest men on the Pacific

coast, died here to-day.

As a preventive of the grip Hood's Sar-



BECOMES A LUXURY

Barreled Product Yesterday Took Another Jump, Selling Up to \$18.50.

Twenty-Dollar Pork May Be a Question of Only a Few Days, as the Clicago Bull Clique Holds the Upper Hand : I the Market.

CHICAGO, Jan. 6 .- Pork is now a luxury. It sold on 'Change to-day at the highest price known for years, \$18.50 a barrel. For a time it looked as if the quotation would jump to \$20. Heavy transactions and great excitement marked the trading. John Cudaby and Austin Wright, nicknamed "Charlie," have been credited of late, since their famous corner in ribs, with about every speculative movement on 'Change, and whether deservedly or not, these operators have become worse bugbears to unfortunate traders that "Old Hutch" or Pardridge ever was. Now, the Cudahy-Wright combination, aided and abetted by Norman B. Ream, are popularly believed to be the master spirits in control of pork. In any event, the crowd manipulating the market is said, on all sides, to have cleaned up an enormous profit, by some estimated at several million dollars. It is stated that the clique began buying pork during the cholera scare, when it was going begging at \$10 a barrel. The idea is that they have been "changing stuff" from month to

month, and always at a profit. Manipulation aside, the main-spring under the market is the shortage of hogs. Each day adds some new evidence of the strength of the situation. Wednesday it was the very light stocks of provisions, vesterday hogs were short again, and this morning the "hog question" was more serious than ever. The message to the board gave receipts at 21,000, or 2,000 short of the very light estimate. Private advices to packers gave the hogs as low as 18,000. Prices at the yards showed the greatest jump of the season, with packing lots 100 25c higher. This, with free talk of \$9 for hogs, if the supply does not improve, started the provision pit in a whirl. The cliquebrokers made a show of buying at the start, but on the bulge there was heavy realizing by brokers for Cudaby & Wright. The close was within a shade of the highest prices of the day, a sixty-five-cent leap compared with last night's figures. This was the third day of almost equally sensa-

tionel advances. The scarcity of hogs at this season is largely attributed by the alleged manipulator. Wright, to the phenomenal meteorological conditions in the spring, when it rained so long that the farmers began to think they would not have a chance to plant any corn. What to do with the hogs was a question, with no corn to feed them on, and they concluded that it would be better to take what they could get for them than run chances for a lower price. The consequence was that there was a very free movement in pork last summer which left a slim home contingent. Only 11,000 hogs are expected to arrive tomorrow.

Mallory, Son & Zimmerman have issued their January crop report, in which they state that the probable percentage of hogs for January, February and March of this year will be but 68 per cent, of the supply of hegs for October, November and December of last year.

Their estimate includes the States of Illinois, Iowa, Wisconsin, Minnesota, South Dakota, Nebraska, Kausas, Missouri, Indiana, Ohio and Michigan. For the supply of spring and summer hogs, from the same States, the estimate is 72 per cent. of the supply for the last three months of 1802.

VICTIM OF THE "PARIS TERRORS."

Michigan Lumberman Alleged to Have Been Killed by the Agent of a French Society.

ISHPEMING, Mich., Jan. 6.-The work of vengeance of the Mafia is equaled by facts which have just come to light in connection with the death of Annal Sherman, an overseer in the Walton lumber camp near this city. Sherman was found dead with a bullet hole in his breast and a revolver beside him. Gazing stoically at the dead man was a Frenchman named Antony Murray, who has been working in the camp. He explained that Sherman had been sitting quietly by the stove when he suddenly drew a revolver and shot him-

self. A search of the dead man's clothes disclosed an envelope, in-side of which was scrawled in French: "If I, Annal Sherman, come to a violent end, charge it to the work of 'Paris Terrors.' Ten years ago I violated the society's laws, and have since been pursued by one of its members. He overtook me in San Francisco in 1886, and has me to death." Then followed a description of his pursuer. A comparison showed that it fitted Murray exactly, and he was at once taken into custody. He practically admitted that the crime was his work. He explained that in 1882 Sherman failed to perform a task alloted to him, and through the failure two members of the society were guillotined. Since then Sherman has been under the ban of the society, and one of its emissaries has been on his trail.

Corruption in the Camp.

OMAHA, Neb., Jan. 5.—This afternoon's session of the Head Camp of Royal Neighbors was marked by proceedings somewhat sensational, owing to the fact that before adjourning the delegates took an additional oath, pledging themselves not to revest the names of the parties to the pro-ceeding or the nature thereof. It has been learned that some member of the order was short in his accounts, had been guilty of "conduct unbecoming a neighbor," and had sequestered a book of records in order to cover up his shortages. The proceedings of the camp were taken in short-hand by a court reporter, and a couple of well-known criminal lawyers conducted the case. It raised a storm which threatened for an hour or so to disrupt the order, but cooler counsel prevailed, and the final adjournment was marked by auspicious amity.

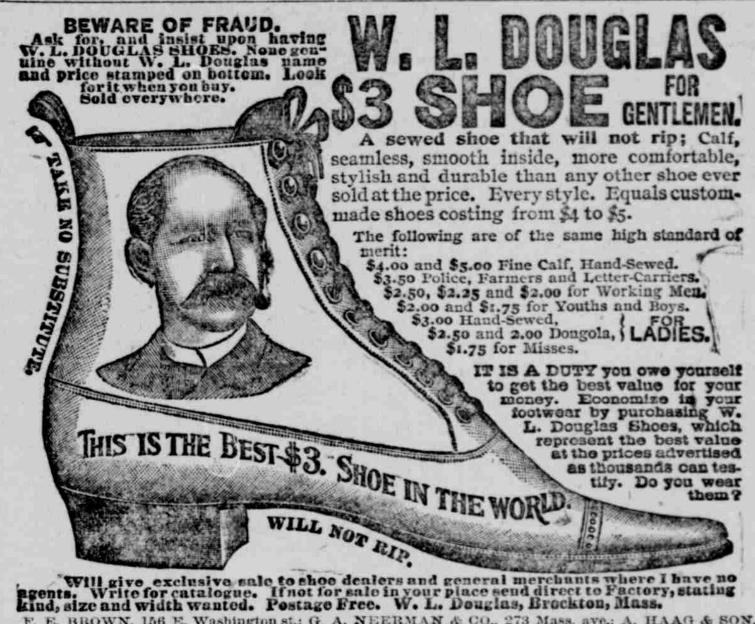
Combine of "Lift" Manufacturers. CHICAGO, Jan. 6.-It is stated here this her severe attack of illness. She expects morning that the passenger-elevator manshortly to be able to start on a trip on her ufacturers of the country have organized a trust, the purpose being to fix and control prices for passenger elevators. The number of firms interested is not known, but the indications are that Boston, Detroit and Chicago houses are interested. The country is said to be divided among the various companies in the combine, and each does the business of a certain portion. saparilla has grown into great favor. It | As soon as word is received that a new saparilla has grown into great favor. It As soon as word is received that a new dence at the coroner's inquest show they fortifies the system and purifies the blood. building is to be erected in which an ele- had been dead since Dec. 6. Dripps was



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vator will be required the combine fixes upon a set of bids, all close together, but one of which is lower than all the others. The low one comes from the firm in whose territory the sale is to be made, and it is the purpose of the combine that the contract shall go to that firm. If by any chance it is awarded to any of the other firms of the combine, the contract is filled and the matter is adjusted among the ele-

WHEAT, CORN AND OATS.

Estimated Yield of Each Cereal Last Year in All the States and Territories.

Washington, Jan. 6.-The final estimates by the statistician of the Agricultural Department of the yield of wheat in bushels, also of corn and oats, for 1892 by States are

STATES.	.Wheat.	Corn.	Oats.
Maine	75,000	472,000	4,009,000
N. Hampshire	38,000	957,000	960,000
Vermont	151,000	1,643,000	3,784,000
Massachusetts .		1,550,000	460,000
Rhode Island		305,000	123,000
Connecticut		1,518,000	619,000
New York	8,465,000	17,414,000	38,749,000
New Jersey	1,787,000	9,124,000	3,065,000
Pennsylvania	19,331,000	39,632,000	29,644,000
Delaware	1,231,000	3,775,000	428,000
Maryland	6,992,000	12,965,000	1,829,000
Virginia	9,791,000	26,067,000	5,473,000
North Carolina.	5,090,000	25,347,000	5,332,000
South Carolina.	928,000	16,713,000	3,682,000
Georgia	1,474,000	32,992,000	6,090,000
Florida	1,212,000	4,422,000	463,000
Alabama	306,000	30,666,000	3,731,000
Mississippi			
Louisiana	25,000	27,272,000	1,554,000
	* 447 000	15,859,000	421,000
Texas	5,447,000	73,642,000	15,177,000
Arkansas	1,337,000	34,344,000	4,988,000
Tennessee	8,450,000	61,274,000	7,466,000
West Virginia	4,302,000	14,322,000	2,871,000
Kentucky	11,635,000	68,805,000	10,917,000
Ohio	33,022,000	83,853,000	26,364,000
Michigan	23,854,000	23,218,000	27,809,000
Indiana	39,885,000	103,334,000	22,175,000
Illinois	28,370,000	165,827,000	75,063,000
Wisconsi n	8,814,000	27,347,000	50,572,000
Minnesota	41,210,000	24,192,000	43,573,000
Iowa	7,257,000	200,221,000	95,841,000
Missouri	24,884,000	152,489,000	24,093,000
Kansas	70,881,000	145,825,000	44,094,000
Nebraska	1,670,000	157,145,000	43,131,000
South Dakota	31,767,000	17,406,000	18,472,000
North Dakota	34,998,000	375,000	12,510,000
Montana	898,000	21,000	1,910,000
Wyoming	101,000	38,000	438,000
Colorado	2,504,000	2,773,000	2,836,000
New Mexico	515,000	585,000	225,000
Arizona	170,000	81,000	
Utah	1,775,000	158,000	735,000
Nevada	118,000		
Idaho	1,693,000	. 6,000	17,000
Washington	9,905,000	a 185,000	3,184,000
Oregon	9,779,000	288,000	6,494,000
California	39,157,000	12,197,000	******
Totals	515,949,000	1,628,464,000	

TELEGRAPHIC BREVITIES.

as representative of the new club which is A consolidation of the eight separate gas companies of Brooklyn, N. Y., is on foot. F. H. Mann, a Burlington brakeman, was killed while coupling cars at Adams, Neb. A. C. Weeks, engineer at a Blue Hill, Neb., mill, was caught in a belt and torn to

Over 1,500 workmen are without employment and on the verge of destitution in "Plunger" Chris Smith, owner of the Kendall stables, says he is not bankrupt, as

O. B. Vail, a New York stock-broker, has failed. He was long of Reading, Chicago Gas and Sugar.

Dr. Peabody has consented to allot space

for an exhibition by the college fraternities at the world's fair. P. B. Greenhut, of Peoria, ex-president of the whisky trust, says the trust is not speculating in whisky, although individually its members are.

R. I., two small children, dropped a lighted match into a tifteen-pound can of gunpowder. Both will die. The sixth annual State convention of the Illinois county supervisors closed

Anton and Henry Stone, of Providence,

Thursday morning. It was decided to hold the 1894 session in Aurora, Ill. Henry J. Furber, jr., Ph. D., son of the Chicago capitalist, has been appointed lecturer on the history of economic theory at the Northwestern University.

farmer's wagon near Alliance, Neb. Supposed to have been heart failure. A dispatch has been received in Chicago from Rome, saying that the Pope has selected Bishop Burke, of Cheyenne, for the Diocese of St. Joseph, Mo. Studies for the winter term at the Uni-

E. M. Bailey, a telegraph operator from

Crook, Col., fell dead while riding in a

The enrollment is 632. The new natural history hall has been opened to classes. John G. Gallagher, for twenty years eashier of the Howard Lockwood Press Company, of New York, is reported missing. His books show a shortage of \$4,900. Fred Semidt, a stationary engineer, employed at the earbon-works, near the Na-

versity of Illinois were resumed Thursday.

tional stock-yards. East St. Louis, fell into a vat Thursday and was scalded so that he The house of C. W. Dripps, at Wymose, Neb., was forced open Thursday, and the bodies of Dripps and Mrs. Albin were found dead in bed. Indications and eviliving clandestinely with the Albin woman, The jury found that death was caused from coal gas escaping from a stove. The wife of H. L. Richardson, a physician

of New York city, was so severely burned at her home in Sea Cliff, L. L. Wednesday. that she will die. Her clothing caught fire at the kitchen range. Eighty thousand dollars in Macon county. Illinois, new court-house bonds, to run

twenty years at 5 per cent., were sold, yesterday, to N. W. Harris & Co., of Chicago, at a premium of \$3,457. At a meeting of the Board of Directors of the Union Pacific Railway Company at Boston, yesterday, resolutions were adopted in memory of Jay Gould, a director of

Patrolmen Peter E. Hill and Michael Dempsey, of Cleveland, bound over to the Criminal Court for the killings of the Italian, Frank Carizzo, have been completely exonerated by the grand jury. At Massilion, O., while working in a stone-quarry, the clothing of Herman Kap-

that company at the time of his death.

ing shaft. When released he was dead. One leg and an arm were torn from the Mrs. Georgie Drew-Barrymore, leading comedienne of Frohman's Comedy Company, now at San Francisco, has been forced, through illness, to terminate her

atsky became caught in a rapidly revolv-

engagement. She is now en route to her home in the East. Mrs. Huston, widow of Gen. John B. Huston, of Lexington, one of the most distinguished lawyers of Kentucky, was burned to death last night. She probably fell asleep while sitting in front of the fire

when her clothing became ignited. The western division of the White Lead Manufacturers' Association metat Chicago Thursday in annual session with representatives present from St. Louis, Chicago, Pittsburg and Indianapolis. Rates were

considered, but no conclusions reached. A shortage of \$7,000 in the insurance commissioners' department of Kansas was made public yesterday, and criminal pro-ceedings will be instituted against W. B. Wilder, ex-commissioner, now of Kansas City, and James Billingsley, his chief

Arthur Kennedy and George Freese. young men, were drowned while skating near Sparrow's Point, Md. William Freese, a brother of George, broke through the ice while attempting to rescue his brother, and was himself saved with diffi-

on the Rio Grande. All persons are strictly scrutinized, and those who are not known or cannot give an intelligent account of themselves are taken to military headquarters. Dick Burge, the English light-weight champion pugilist, has received an offer from a prominent New York sporting man.

The Mexican government has placed a

military guard at the ferries and crossings

about to be organized. The offer is of a purse of \$10,000 to fight Austin Gibbons, or \$12,500 to fight Billy Myer. Five colored boys and three men will be hanged at Chestertown, Md., Jan. 13, for the murder of Dr. J. H. Hill. The Governor has been urged to commute the sentences of the boys, on the ground that they

are not over thirteen years of age, but so for he has not been disposed to interfere. William C. Pratt, widely and favorably known among Eastern educationalists, has been made vice-president of the Armour Institute, Chicago. Mr. Pratt has been. from its inception, a most vital factor in the success of the Pratt Institute at Brooklyn, and was the right-hand man of its founder.

Major M. P. Handy will probably resign early next week his \$7,500 position as chief of the world's fair bureau of publicity and promotion. The work of the bureau is about finished, and Major Handy is under engagement at a salary of \$10,000 a year on the world's fair catalogue for the Conkey syndicate.

Mayor Stewart, of Philadelphia, has vetoed an ordinance passed by the City Council appropriating \$1,200,000 to the Public Buildings Commission for the completion of the City Hall. The structure has already cost the city \$16,000,000 and is still unthrished, though it was begun twenty years ago.

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